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SPACE
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MISSION TO MARS
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose co-operation with USA, Russia and other countries in the research work in inter space, especially for a mission to Mars;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) No, Sir. At present there is no specific proposal on mission to Mars. However, ISRO has collaboration in the general area of space research with USA, Russia and several other countries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Possible collaboration with USA and other countries may be explored once ISRO`s plan on future planetary studies are firmed up.